GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PRODUCTION OF THE VANASPATI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of the vanaspati in the country during the last three years, zone-wise;

(b) the quality and percentage of indigenous oil and imported oil used by the manufacturers in the above period;

(c) whether import of crude palm oil has increased alarmingly in the last 11 months due to low import duty;

(d) whether a large portion of imported crude palm oil is diverted by the manufacturers for non-vanaspati use; and

(e) if so, the actions taken against the erring companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) The total production of vanaspati in the country during the last three years, zone-wise is given below:-

(Qty. in `000 tonnes)

Year	East	West	North	South
1997-98	107.8	230.4	587.2	86.3
1998-99	145.5	318.3	787.7	89.0
1999-00	131.0	236.4	805.6	98.3

(b) The quantity and percentage of indigenous oils and imported oils used by the manufacturers of vanaspati during the last three years is as under:-

(Quantity in lakh MTs)

Year	Indigenous Oils used in manufacture of vanaspati		Imported Oils used in manufacture of vanaspati	
	Qty.	%age	Qty.	%age
1997-98	6.6	61	4.2	39
1998-99	5.9	42	8.1	58
1999-00	3.3	25	10.2	75

(c) Main reasons for increased import of Crude Palm Oil are significant fall in international prices, rationalisation of duty structure which encourages import of crude vegetable oil by processing units and thus value addition within the country.

(d) & (e) : Based on the information furnished by the vanaspati manufacturing units, diversion of Crude Palm Oil by the manufactures for non-vanaspati use was not found.